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Concerned Council Looks Ahead At Possible Budget Challenges

by Thomas X. White

The Greenbelt City Council held a worksession on Wednesday, January 14 to receive a preliminary staff report on potential fiscal impacts on the upcoming Fiscal Year 2010 city budget and on the status of the city's visioning process that was undertaken last year.

The timing of this worksession provides council with some sense of what they might expect as City Manager Michael McLaughlin and department heads begin to put together the city's proposed budget that is traditionally presented to council at its last meeting in March.

Recent councils have requested such a worksession to get a preview of the manager's thinking prior to his getting too far along with the budget proposal and for council to provide their informal reactions to the budget process.

Armed with tentative revenue and expenditure results for

the first six months of the current Fiscal Year 2009, council examined tentative analyses of the expected results for the rest of the fiscal year and unofficial soundings from county and state officials on expectations for FY10. Although revenue estimates are tracking only slightly below projected budget estimates, McLaughlin reported that some weakness has appeared in the more recent returns due to lower receipts in income taxes and highway user revenues from the state.

In his written report McLaughlin stressed that "the bottom line of the information is that the city continues to be on track with its revenues and expenditures compared to historic trends; however, there appears to be evidence of weakness in the revenues. There is a fair chance that this weakness can be offset by savings on the expenditure side [as he

predicted in an earlier October 16, 2008, memo] but there is also a chance that expenditures could end the [fiscal] year exceeding projected revenues."

The report also warns that any revenue weakness this fiscal year will certainly carry over through FY10. For those reasons the manager is providing a caution that the city's FY10 budget could be flat, with little or no increase from FY09 estimated revenues.

His report then outlined a possible scenario with a potential drop in the value of commercial property in the city that would offset an expected increase in residential values for the last year of the city's triennial assessment values. Such a drop, combined with a parallel drop in income taxes and highway revenues, would offset any increase from residential property tax revenues.

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Greenbelt Police Dept. Mobilized To Help on Inauguration Day

by Mary Lou Williamson and James Giese

Besides performing the normal duties of protecting Greenbelt citizens and deterring crime, the Greenbelt Police Department played a double role relating to the inauguration of Barack Obama as President on January 20 requiring the mobilization of the entire department.

Nine officers from the department became a part of the thousands of police officers from throughout the country who assisted with the event that reportedly drew the largest crowd ever

to the National Mall in the District of Columbia.

The Greenbelt officers were expected to provide crowd assistance along the parade route from the Capitol to the White House. In contrast to the military personnel lining the parade route who faced toward the parade, police officers also lining the route were expected to keep their backs to the parade and look out for any person who might create a disturbance.

The entire remainder of the

Greenbelt Police force was mobilized to assist with the extraordinary demands of helping to manage the parade of people headed for the Presidential Inauguration. The Greenbelt department had been coordinating with Metro, state and county departments. They also worked with local property owners Sharon Tames of Empirian Village, Mark Kapistan of Beltway Plaza and Michael Hueston the new Mack

See **POLICE**, page 6



PHOTO BY OFFICER KELLY LAWSON

There were long lines at the Greenbelt Metro Station early on the morning of January 20. According to Greenbelt Police Chief James Craze, at times there were as many as 1,000 riders waiting in line to board the trains. The Greenbelt Station was closed by 7 a.m. to parking.

FONDCA, Greenbelt Farmers Market Receive Grants

by Thomas X. White

At its first meeting of the New Year on January 13, the Advisory Board of the Greenbelt Community Foundation awarded grant funding to the Greenbelt Farmers Market and to the Friends of the New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA). Board Chair Sylvia Lewis presented checks to their representatives to fund the two new projects to be undertaken this year.

FONDCA

FONDCA was awarded \$1,765 to undertake a demonstration project to develop a community-wide program, Greenbelt Organization of Arts – Reporting, Tracking and Scheduling (GO-ARTS) that would design and create an interactive and accessible online planning calendar for the arts community in Greenbelt. The program calendar would be open for use by all Greenbelt groups that would benefit from coordinating their scheduled events with other organizations. Among such groups might be the city, the Roosevelt

Center Merchants and other business and civic organizations.

Following the demonstration project, FONDCA plans to provide its findings and results to the city, at which time the city could decide to host the calendar on the city website or to provide a link to the FONDCA site. The basis for the project is a growing need for improved coordination and collaboration among Greenbelt artistic and cultural organizations to avoid conflicting and overlapping scheduling, in this way maximizing participation and support.

Farmers Market

The Greenbelt Farmers Market (GFM) was awarded \$2,500 to undertake focused educational activities as part of the Market's service to the Greenbelt community. The GFM this fall completed its first year of operation at Roosevelt Center, benefiting from an initial Community Foundation grant

See **GRANTS**, page 6

REAC Renamed; Council Considers Tree Ordinance

by Barbara Hopkins

Two of Greenbelt's environmental advisory committees were agenda items for the Greenbelt City Council meeting on January 12.

REAC's New Name

Greenbelt's Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee (REAC) has taken a new name in response to a request from the city council to find a name indicating the broader mission of the committee. In recent years its scope has expanded to include environmental issues such as resource conservation and sustainability, pesticide use, energy efficiency and global warming projects such as the Cold Capital Challenge. Its new name, approved by council at the meeting, is GreenACES.

Chair John Lippert told council the committee had considered about 20 choices and voted overwhelmingly for the new name to be the Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, or ACES. City staff, however, thought that acronym was too

close to that of the Advisory Committee on Education, or ACE. As it is Greenbelt's committee, REAC members then came up with the name GreenACES as an alternative to set them apart.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts wondered why REAC needed a new name, feeling that with "Environment" in its name, its wider mission was already included. Roberts said he was not as concerned with an entity's name as he was with its productivity. At the vote, though, Roberts made the approval unanimous.

Tree Policy

Davis asked that the city's Advisory Committee on Trees (ACT) assess the need for a city tree ordinance applying to trees on private property. When discussion brought up a number of questions regarding liability, Roberts said he did not want the city involved with deciding if a tree on private property was dangerous.

See **REAC**, page 6

What Goes On

Monday, January 26

8 p.m., Council Meeting, Municipal Building (live on Channels 21 and 71)

Wednesday, January 28

7:30 p.m., Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Community Center, Room 111

8 p.m., Council Worksession with Empirian Village, SHL Elementary School

Saturday, January 31

9 a.m. to noon, Electronics Recycling, Public Works Yard, 555 Crescent Road

Community Events

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for January 26 through 30 include:

Monday – Vegetable soup, barbecued beef on a bun, broccoli slaw, baked beans, fresh orange.

Tuesday – Orange/pineapple juice, salmon with dill sauce, home-fried potatoes, mixed vegetables, mixed fruit cup.

Wednesday – Creamy celery soup, beef stew with vegetables, brown rice, garden salad with dressing, applesauce.

Thursday – Orange juice, turkey cutlet with gravy, seasoned carrots, potato salad, banana pudding.

Friday – Orange juice, meatloaf with mushroom gravy, whole boiled potatoes, chopped kale, canned peaches.

GHI Notes

Scheduled Meetings:
Saturday, January 24, 2 to 5:30 p.m., Board/Committee Chairs worksession – board room.

Monday, January 26, 7:15 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – board room

Tuesday, January 27, 7 p.m., New Member Coffee Social – board room

Wednesday, January 28, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee – board room

7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee – GHI lobby

Saturday, January 31, 1:30 to 4 p.m., Greener Greenbelt workshop – Greenbelt Baptist Church.

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

At the Library Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.

Tuesday, January 27, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, January 28, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.

Thursday, January 29, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years, limit 20 children.

Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children’s Desk.

BCWWG Monthly Meeting Is Jan. 27

The Beaver Dam Creek Watershed Watch Group will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, January 27 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Greenbelt Elementary School. The agenda will include a discussion of clean ups and workshops for the next three months. The speaker will be Anthony DeAngelo of the Environmental Defense Fund, who will discuss their climate change campaign in Prince George’s County.

For more information call Susan Barnett at 301-474-7465.

Explore Advance Directives Jan. 30

Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation on advance directives by Jacqueline Williams of Capital Hospice on Friday, January 30.

Many people worry about the extent of medical care they would receive if they were seriously injured or became too ill to communicate their wishes. That is why more people are being proactive by stating their health care preferences in writing while they are still healthy and able to make such decisions. This presentation will explain advance care planning and the process of completing an Advance Directive that communicates one’s wishes, preferences and values in advance of need.

Williams, a community outreach coordinator with Capital Hospice, helps raise awareness and provides education on the benefits of hospice services to the residents of Prince George’s County. She also serves as Capital Hospice’s volunteer coordinator to attract, manage, retain and celebrate the volunteers whose efforts are critical to the success of hospice.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom, Room 114. Everyone is welcome and questions are encouraged. For more information call 301-397-2208.

New Simplicity Circle Forming

A new voluntary Simplicity Circle will be starting in Greenbelt on Wednesday, January 28. Those concerned about the current economy, interested in living better with less or questioning “how much is enough” will want to join the group, which is conducted by the Simplicity Matters Earth Institute, in conjunction with the Greenbelt Climate Action Network. The six-session discussion circle will be held in Room 103 at the Community Center beginning at 7 p.m.

After the January 28 formation meeting, the circle will continue weekly or bi-weekly afterward in participants’ homes. Participation is free of charge.

A discussion guide is available that participants will need to purchase or acquire through loaner materials. Topics include “The Meaning of Simplicity,” “Living More With Less,” “Making a Living,” “Do you Have the Time?,” “Living Simply on Earth,” “Call To Action” and wrap up. Participants should bring calendar and checkbook (for the discussion guide) to the first session.

Those wishing to attend are asked to RSVP to Lore Rosenthal at lore@simplicity-matters.org or call 301-345-2234. Arrangements will be made to provide the discussion materials to anyone wishing to join the circle but unable to attend on January 28.

Postal Services Available

Limited postal services are now available in the Municipal Building Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Carolyn Koerber with two of her puppets.

Stories and Sculpture Focus At February Artful Afternoon

Make a cool sculpture, enjoy a puppet show and more! At an Artful Afternoon on Sunday, February 1 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, most activities will be free for all ages.

At 3 p.m., see “Knee High Stories – An African-American Fable.” Carolyn Koerber uses puppets and storytelling to weave the tale of a very small man who learns that his height is not a measure of his worth. Set in the Okeefenokee Swamp, the story gives a glimpse into these important wetlands. A unique and outstanding artist, actress and storyteller, Koerber has been reaching the hearts and minds of her audiences for years.

Join exhibiting artist Bonnie Crawford Kotula for a sculpture-making workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. Plastic of many different forms will be recycled into beautiful creations. Participants are invited to bring clean plastic

bags, molded plastic packaging materials (no foam peanuts) and mesh from produce to use in the project.

For inspiration before the workshop, stop and see “Illuminations: Sculpture by Bonnie Crawford Kotula” in the Community Center Art Gallery. These works incorporate delicate circuitry and luminous LEDs. The show closes February 6.

Every month Greenbelt’s Artful Afternoon also offers a studio open house with the Center’s artists-in-residence, Greenbelt Museum historic home tours and a current historical exhibit. These activities are free except for a nominal fee for the house tour. Visitors may also enter to win free tickets for live performances at the Greenbelt Arts Center and the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. For more information about City of Greenbelt art programs, visit www.greenbeltnmd.gov/arts or call 240-542-2057.

Greener Greenbelt Workshop On Local Transportation

by Jim Cohen

Greenbelt residents are invited to participate in an afternoon workshop on local pedestrian, bicycle and public transportation issues and strategies on Saturday, January 31 at 1:30 p.m. The workshop will be held in the Greenbelt Baptist Church multipurpose room at the corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads.

The workshop will begin with a slide show summary of the issues and ideas that came out of the Greener Greenbelt Initiative charrette in September 2007 for improving connectivity within Greenbelt and between Greenbelt and the region. There will then be a group discussion of the show and any additional questions, with ideas and strategies offered by the workshop participants. The discussion at the workshop will help the city draft its pedestrian and bike plan and provide participants with an opportunity to hear from county and city staff about transit planning and service.

Harold Foster, director of Transportation Planning for Prince

George’s County, will be present to respond to questions about the county’s transit and transportation plans. County Councilmember Ingrid Turner will also attend. Other participants will be several members of the city’s Advisory Planning Board who are drafting a city pedestrian and bike plan. City officials with knowledge of city and regional transportation planning and service have been invited to attend.

Email Jim Cohen at jimcohen@umd.edu with any questions about the workshop.

Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10 – 4 p.m.
1st Saturday of the month
10 – 2 p.m.
Good, clean clothes for women, men and children!
Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

6905 Greenbelt Road
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New Deal Café

New Deal Café

Notice of Annual Membership Meeting

Monday February 9, 2009 7:00 pm at the café

Election of Board of Directors Financial & Committee Reports

newdealcafe.com

Academy Stadium Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall
Center Court
301-220-1155

ALL SHOWS BEFORE 5 p.m.
Adults/Seniors: \$6.50
Children: \$6.00

ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON ON SATURDAY \$5.00

ALL SHOWS AFTER 5 p.m.
Adults: \$8.50
Students/Military: \$7.50
Children: \$6.00
Seniors: \$6.50

R = ID Required
(!) = No pass, (!!) No pass weekend
*Shows with a * are regular price..

Week of Jan. 23

FRI. - SAT.

My Bloody Valentine, R (!)
11:10, 1:25, 3:35, 5:45, 7:50, 10
Notorious, R (!)
11, 11:30, 1:45, 2:25, 4:30, 5, 7:20, 7:50, 10:10, 10:35
Underworld: Rise of the Lycans, R (!)
11:10, 1:25, 3:35, 5:45, 7:50, 10
Paul Blart Mall Cop, PG (!)
11:10, 1:25, 3:35, 5:45, 7:50, 10
Not Easily Broken, PG-13
4:45, 7:35, 10:20
The Unborn, PG-13
11:30, 2
Hotel for Dogs, PG (!)
11:30, 2, 4:45, 7:35, 10:20
Gran Torino, R
11, 1:45, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10

SUN.

My Bloody Valentine, R (!)
11:10, 1:25, 3:35, 5:45, 7:50
Notorious, R (!)
11, 11:30, 1:45, 2:25, 4:30, 5, 7:20, 7:50
Underworld: Rise of the Lycans, R (!)
11:10, 1:25, 3:35, 5:45, 7:50
Paul Blart Mall Cop, PG (!)
11:10, 1:25, 3:35, 5:45, 7:50
Not Easily Broken, PG-13
4:45, 7:35
The Unborn, PG-13
11:30, 2
Hotel for Dogs, PG (!)
11:30, 2, 4:45, 7:35
Gran Torino, R
11, 1:45, 4:30, 7:20

MON. - THUR.

Underworld: Rise of the Lycans, R (!)
1:15, 3:20, 5:25, 7:30
Paul Blart Mall Cop, PG
1:15, 3:20, 5:25, 7:30
Not Easily Broken, PG-13
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For following shows \$5 only Tuesday
My Bloody Valentine, R
1:15, 3:20, 5:25, 7:30
Notorious, R
12:45, 1:20, 3:30, 4, 6:20, 6:45
The Unborn, PG-13
1:45, 4:30
Hotel for Dogs, PG
1:45, 4:30, 7
Gran Torino, R
1:35, 4:20, 7

Obituaries

In Memoriam

Donna Barber Mangum

Donna Barber Mangum, a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and hospital lab worker, died last week at the much-too-soon age of 57. Though I have known her husband, a Greenbelt boy Randy “Tick” Mangum, for a number of years, I did not know Donna well. I also did not attend her services as I was out of town visiting family. So I walked across the street on Tuesday to talk to Randy’s mother and his brother, Bruce, who came home from a State Department assignment in Israel to be with his family. Mostly they confirmed impressions I had formed from the few times I did have a chance to speak to Donna.

Donna’s family moved to Greenbelt well before Donna started school. She and Randy started seeing each other in high school and were married for 34 years. Donna worked as a lab technician at Washington Hospital Center her entire career of 35 years. Since his youth, Randy has invested much of himself into the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department. Donna gave that same energy to the Ladies Auxiliary and as her friend Kathy Reynolds noted in an email was the recording secretary at the time of her death.

I had discerned Donna’s patience and acceptance of everyone and her easy familiarity. Bruce said she was more like a sister than a sister-in-law and Mrs. Mangum said she was more like a daughter than a daughter-in-law. Bruce said he couldn’t remember a time when Donna had said she didn’t like someone she had recently met. I also correctly surmised she was full of concern for the well-being of others. Both Bruce and his Mom stated she looked out for Randy’s family as much as her own. Bruce said she liked to organize gifts and cards for everyone and tended to all the family’s celebrations (just like a hospital worker). Mrs. Mangum said she had never heard her complain about any of the patients at the hospital. She felt that was notable because “they can be pretty cranky.” Both also were quick to highlight how much Donna loved to cook. Mrs. Mangum said she remembers when Donna announced to her, “Mom, I borrowed all of the family’s favorite recipes.” When Mrs. Mangum asked how she knew which were the favorites, she replied “I took the ones with grease on them because I knew they’d been used.”

Bruce said that Donna liked to be involved in all the latest doings of friends and family. He said if you wanted to get the word out, you just told Donna. He also remarked that Randy never needed a cell phone or

any other special means of communication . . . he had Donna. She lived to see the birth of her grandson Lucas, born to her and Randy’s son Greg and his wife this past September. Donna touched all who knew her in a way that made them better. Her grace and manner of making all feel comfortable will be missed, as will her ready smile and the love she gave to her family, her friends and to strangers others called “patients.” Greenbelt is the better for having had her presence and her steadying hand. Donna and Randy’s friends from St. Hugh’s, the Fire Department and throughout the community responded to the family’s crisis with enthusiasm, support and love, the Greenbelt way. The Donna Mangum Memorial Fund has been established at the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union to help retire the debt Randy has incurred for funeral and medical expenses.

— Rick Ransom

Bruno P. Zanin

Bruno P. Zanin, 90, who came to Greenbelt in 1946, died on January 9, 2009. He was born in 1918 in the mining town of Twin Rocks, Pa.

Mr. Zanin was a graduate of Bliss Electrical College and held a bachelor of science degree from the University of Maryland University College.

His first home in Greenbelt was at the WWV radio station where he was the resident technician for the station (part of The National Bureau of Standards, now Goddard Space Flight Center). He followed the Bureau job with a long stint at Diamond Ordnance Fuze Laboratories (now Harry Diamond Lab) and finally, Naval Electronics Systems Command, where he was an electronic engineer.

With his wife and first child he moved to Greenbelt Homes in 1949, living at 13 Z3 Hillside. His growing family necessitated the move from Hillside to a larger space. In 1957 he built his own home on Lakeside Drive

and remained there for the next 52 years.

He built the first bridge across the creek behind his home next to the lake trail.

An avid walker, he measured and marked the Greenbelt Lake trail in 1987 with the help of Larry Noel. Mr. Zanin was active in St. Hugh’s Church from the very beginning. He was an amateur radio operator beginning in 1940, a past president of Columbian Toastmasters and a member of Prince George’s

Council Knights of Columbus. Mr. Zanin was preceded in death by daughters Jeanette and Patty. He is survived by his wife, Margaret “Buddy” Zanin; children, Larry, Margie, Danny, Natalie, Colette, Terry, son-in-law Mike, daughter-in-law Chrissie and four grandchildren.

A mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church on Tuesday, January 13. Interment was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

301-474-4322



Mass Schedule:
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe
Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd

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Prayer Meeting Sun. 9:45 am



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10:30 am Worship Service



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Sundays: 8:00 am Simple, quiet Mass


9:00 am Christian education for all ages

10:00 am Sung Mass with organ and folk music, ASL interpreted

1:30 pm Signed Mass (last Sunday of each month only)

Wednesdays: 7:00 pm Simple, quiet Mass

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10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield

Friday evening services 8:00 PM except first Friday of the month, when children’s service begins at 7:30 PM


Saturday morning services - 9:30 AM

Children’s Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.

For further information call 301 474-4223 www.mishkantorah.org

Conservative and Reconstructionist





O humankind! Verily, ye are all the leaves and fruits of one tree; ye are all one. (Abdu’l-Bahá)

Greenbelt Bahá’í Community

1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918

www.bci.org/greenbeltbahai www.bahai.us



Greenbelt Baptist Church

101 Greenhill Road

Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212

www.greenbeltbaptist.org

Welcome!

Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School

Sunday 11:00 am Worship Service

Wednesday 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

ALL are Welcome!

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Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

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Bible Study & Worship

9:30 "Good Morning!!" Coffee and Snacks

10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship

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Pastor Lou Redd

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Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.

Municipal Building



Our sympathy to Randy Mangum on the death of his wife Donna.

Congratulations to Eleanor Roosevelt High School ninth grader Linus Hamilton, who won the “Who Wants to Be a Mathematician” competition. He competed against public and private high school students to win the \$3,000 grand prize.

We salute the many hardy Greenbelters who made the trek to the mall for inaugural events in Tuesday’s bitter cold. We hope to see some of their stories in the coming issue.

Kudos to the Greenbelt police, too, for their aplomb in handling extra duties related to inaugural traffic.

Get well wishes to 2003 Outstanding Citizen Emory A. Harman, who is now in the Renaissance Garden section at Riderwood Village for a month. He was Greenbelt’s postmaster, known as “Mr. ZIP” from 1963 to 1981. He would welcome calls or visits. Riderwood is located behind the Calverton Shopping Center.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. To send information for “Our Neighbors” email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

Garden Club Meeting Is Next Wednesday

The next meeting of the Beltsville Garden Club will be held on Wednesday, January 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at the James E. Duckworth School, 11201 Evan Trail in Beltsville.

The speaker will be Kathy Jentz, editor and publisher of the Washington Gardener Magazine, who will talk about “Small Trees and Large Shrubs for Urban Yards.” Come listen as Jentz explores the possibilities of using small trees and large shrubs to plant in small urban lots. Tailored to what grows best in the greater DC region, the choices will cover natives, edibles and ornamentals for full sun to full shade.

There will be a door prize table and refreshments after the meeting. The public is welcome and admission is free.

For more information call Louise DeJames at 301-890-4733 or visit the website at www.beltsvillegardenclub.org.

Forums Explain County Budget

Two local community forums will examine and explain the Prince George’s County budget. Sponsored by the Human Services Coalition of Prince George’s County, these sessions will explain the meaning of budgetary figures, the sources of various funds, the structure of the budget and the budget timelines and give an explanation of the unmet needs facing nonprofit organizations and the citizens they serve. Octavia Caldwell, the principal consultant of R.O.C. Consultants, will conduct the meeting.

The forums will be held on Tuesday, January 27 from 10 a.m. to noon at the First Baptist Church of Glenarden, 3600 Brightseat Road in Landover and Wednesday, January 28 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Bowie library, 15210 Annapolis Road in Bowie.



City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL MEETING January 26, 2009 - 8:00 p.m. Municipal Building

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

- City Council Report on Voting System Issues
- Petitions and Requests** (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

Minutes of Council Meetings

Administrative Reports

Committee Reports

LEGISLATION

A Resolution to Repeal Resolution 893 and Establish a New Green Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES) - Committee Name Change

- 1st Reading

OTHER BUSINESS

- Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program – The Backpack to Health Initiative
- Purchase of Office Furniture for Public Works
- Prince George’s County Transportation Master Plan
- * Request for Use of Facilities
- * Resignations from Advisory Groups
- * Reappointments to Advisory Groups

* Items on the Consent Agenda, indicated by an asterisk, will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

Registration for Spring & Summer Camps

Spring Camp, Circus Spring Camp Express, Kinder Camp, Camp Pine Tree, Creative Kids Camp, Circus Camp, Camp Encore, and Camp Dance are among the day camp choices the Greenbelt Recreation Department plans to offer this upcoming Spring and Summer.

These camps provide a wide range of aquatic, athletic, and artistic choices for kids ages 3 to 15. Camp registration began on January 12 for Greenbelt Residents and January 26 for Non-Residents. The Camp Brochure can be downloaded at

http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation/camps_2009.pdf

Call the Recreation Business Office at 301-397-2200 for more information.

BASIC VEGAN CUISINE

Tuesdays 7:30pm-9:30pm, February 3 - 24
Community Center Kitchen, For Ages 15+

R: \$50, NR: \$62.50

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MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, January 26 at 8pm Regular City Council Meeting (live) Tuesday and Thursday, January 27 & 29: 6pm “Ask the Expert” 6:45pm “Mental Health Matters” 7:30pm “Replay of City Council Meeting”

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday and Friday, January 28 & 30: 7pm “Twelfth Night 10pm Dan Zimmerman”

MEETINGS FOR JANUARY 26-30

Monday, January 26st at 8:00pm, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING, at the Municipal Building. Live on Channels 21 & 71

Wednesday, January 28th at 7:30pm, SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE, at the Community Center, Room 111.

Wednesday, January 28th at 8:00pm, CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/ Empirian Village at Springhill Lake Elementary School.

Thursday, January 29th at 7:30pm, FOUR CITIES MEETING, at College Park

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

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Tuesday, January 27, 2009
7:00 P.M.

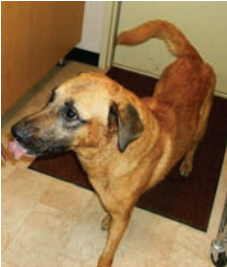
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Left to right, Eulalie Lucas, Barbara Simon, Sylvia Lewis, Siegelinde Peterson, Chris Logan, Ray Stevens, Emmett Jordan, Kap Kapastin and Bill Duncan.

to support its organization and opening.

The new grant for education programming will support a variety of activities including farm visits, scavenger hunts, musical events and educational features on the Market’s website and in its newsletter. According to the GFM representatives, the projects are intended to fulfill the requirements of their not-for-profit 501(c)3 status to provide educational opportunities to the public.

These two grants constituted the fourth cycle of awards to Greenbelt organizations by the Greenbelt Community Foundation during its two and a half years of existence. Total grants awarded to 13 organizations amount to \$35,030 for projects directed to the arts, youth activities, cultural events, charitable organizations, the environment and community organizations.

Fifth Cycle

The Greenbelt Community Foundation also announced the opening of the fifth cycle for grant applications. Organizations that can apply for funding include nonprofit corporations and not-for-profit cooperative organizations. In addition, the Foundation encourages associations or working groups that do not meet those categories but are organized to pursue projects consistent with the mission of the Foundation to consider applying and identifying a qualifying organization to act as fiscal agent for their project.

Proposals should be sent to the Greenbelt Community Foundation at P.O. Box 234, Greenbelt, MD 20768, no later than April 15, 2009. Complete proposals will be reviewed by the Foundation’s Proposal Committee and decisions will be made by the full Advisory Board.

Fifth cycle awards will be made in July 2009. To request an application email info@greenbeltfoundation.net.

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Other questions dealt with how a city ordinance might coordinate with any county or homeowners’ association rules applying to trees on private property. Davis asked only that ACT take a look at the level of need for an ordinance and report back to council. She said the issue had come up during the Greener Greenbelt Initiative. Council voted unanimously to refer the matter to ACT.

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Cali property manager for Capital Office Park. City Manager Michael McLaughlin was in communication with COG (Council of Governments).

The big challenges for the department were traffic control and parking at or near the Greenbelt Metro Station, according to Capt. Thomas Kemp of the Greenbelt police.

A special command post was set up at the station, 555 Ridge Road, with a forward post at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center where officers on duty Inauguration Day could come inside to warm up and get hot coffee.

The Metro police advised they would be particularly short-handed and needed help at the Greenbelt Station. As a result Greenbelt police ordered portable traffic control devices for pedestrian crosswalks, light towers and message signs. Message boards were set up on Monday afternoon to warn local drivers of traffic pattern changes on Inauguration Day. All traffic leaving the Metro Station on Metro Drive was turned right at Cherrywood Lane.

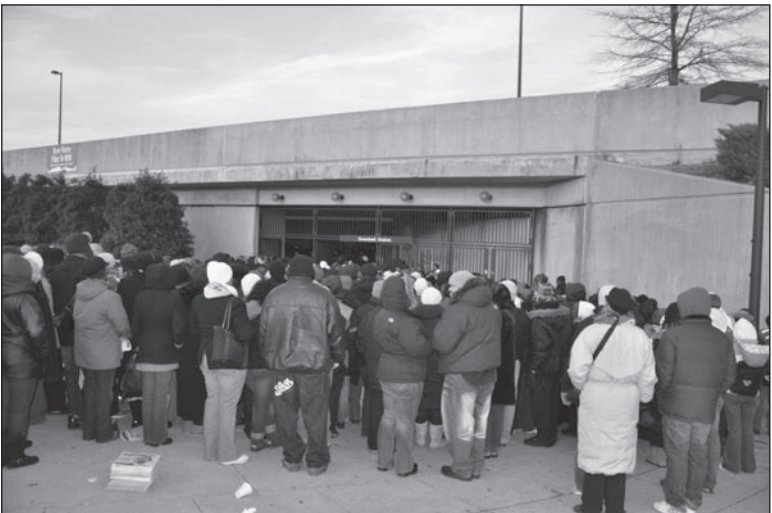
On Tuesday Code enforcement officers directed traffic at that intersection. The left turn lane for vehicles turning from Cherrywood Lane to Metro Drive was temporarily extended in order to not block through traffic. Traffic patterns were to return to normal sometime Wednesday morning.

Greenbelt, Kemp said, provided officers at the Kiss and Ride area, the station platform and the parking lot.

Crowd

Police arrived around 2:30 a.m. Inauguration Day morning to install added flood lighting for better visibility. The Inauguration Day crowd began to arrive in force by 3 a.m., well before the station’s four o’clock opening. While the station’s parking lot, devoid of most of its usual commuters, was never completely filled according to Craze, the station’s usage was greater than ever due to the many buses that stopped to drop off passengers headed to the mall.

Traffic to the station backed up not only onto the entrance road and Cherrywood Lane in Greenbelt but even onto Edmonston Road north of the city. Craze estimated that at times, more than a thousand people were lined up to board the Metro trains. By seven the station had been closed



PHOTOS BY OFFICER KELLY LAWSON

to additional users.

Discouraged by the crowds lining up at the entrance gates, others gave up the adventure and turned back toward home, Craze said.

However, no serious incidents were reported. “People were in a wonderful mood,” Craze said. “It was like one big party.”

Other Events

While a large but much small-

er crowd was also drawn to the Sunday Inauguration Concert at the Lincoln Memorial, there were no particular problems occurring at the Greenbelt Station nor a significant lineup, Craze reported.

Police officers also helped with special inaugural events at Martins Crosswinds and the Marriott Hotel on Tuesday.

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Robberies

January 8, 11:08 p.m., 7595 Ora Glen Drive, a man was robbed at gunpoint as he was walking away from the Bank of America ATM. There is no definitive description of the suspect.

January 12, 12:37 p.m., Springhill Lane and Breezewood Court, a man approached a person from behind and grabbed the book bag from his shoulder. The suspect is described as a white male, 18 years of age, 5'9" with a thin build, wearing a black jacket and black pants.

January 14, 10 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, a food delivery person was robbed by two men, one armed with a shotgun, in the hallway of an apartment building. Cash and food were taken; the men fled the area on foot. The suspects are described as two black males; one was 18 to 24 years of age, 5'4" to 5'6", 150 to 170 pounds, wearing a gray jacket and black pants.

Drug Arrests

January 8, 7:45 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute in a school zone, possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, possession of marijuana and two counts of possession of paraphernalia. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

January 13, 12:22 a.m., 6600 block Lake Park Drive, a youth, of no fixed address, was arrested for trespass and possession of marijuana after he was discovered inside the gym area of the Greenbelt Lake Village Clubhouse. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

January 15, 11:53 a.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a resident youth was arrested for possession of marijuana and was released pending action by the school board and the juvenile justice system.

January 15, 2:05 p.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a nonresident youth was arrested for possession of marijuana with intent to distribute. The youth was released pending action by the school board and the juvenile justice system.

Theft

January 11, 6:08 p.m., Eleanor

Roosevelt High School, a youth took a student's gym bag while the student was running on the track at the school; the youth then fled on foot. The suspect is described as a black male, 17 years of age, 5'11" with a thin build, wearing a red knit hat and a blue jacket.

Tobacco Possession

January 14, 7 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, a resident youth was arrested for possession of a tobacco product by a minor. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Vandalism

January 12, 7:59 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Court, unknown person(s) used unknown means to break out the glass patio door of a residence.

January 14, 6:44 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace, unknown person(s) used unknown means to break out the bedroom window of a residence.

Burglaries

January 8, 3:16 p.m., 7200 block South Ora Court, two laptop computers, an i-Pod, a digital camera and money were reported taken.

January 10, 1:31 p.m., 9200 block Edmonston Road, it was reported that unknown person(s) broke into a vacant apartment.

January 12, 3:02 p.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway, a television and two video game players were reported taken.

January 15, 4:29 p.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway, jewelry, watches and a .357 handgun were reported taken.

Vehicle Crimes

A gray 2007 Chevrolet Impala 4-door, Maryland tags 1DNW40 was reported stolen from the 100 block Westway.

Greenbelt police recovered three stolen vehicles with no arrests made.

Vehicles were vandalized in the 9300 block Edmonston Road (vehicle was spray painted) and in the 6200 block Springhill Court (scratched paint).

Theft from vehicles was reported in the following areas: 6200 block Springhill Drive (rear tag), 7600 block Mandan Road (GPS unit), 8000 block Mandan Road (rear tag), 6000 block Springhill Drive (rear tag) and 5900 block Cherrywood Lane (both tags). An attempted theft was reported in the 7900 block Mandan Road.

City Notes for the Week of January 12

Construction/sediment and erosion control inspections were conducted at the Greenbelt Metro Station.

Code Enforcement staff issued two warning notices and two municipal infractions to a resident regarding excessively loud music.

Planning worked on compiling information required for Maryland Historical Trust to draft an easement agreement for the theater. It also inspected the stream at the rear of Roosevelt Center for pollution – none was found.

Public Works reports that as a result of very thorough inspections by city staff and the architect of their new building, the general contractor will work on electrical, mechanical and cosmetic corrections over the next few weeks.

Council has voted on a new name for REAC, which will be Green ACES (Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability).

Facilities Maintenance assisted the contractor in running a conduit for future security cameras on the Spellman Overpass and worked with the Horticulture crew in trimming the trees at the overpass to improve the visibility of the new security camera.

Refuse and Recycling collected 20.18 tons of refuse and 12.66 tons of co-mingled recyclable materials.

Recreation announced that the 28-question ACHIEVE grant application, co-sponsored by the National Recreation and Parks Association and the Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention, was completed and mailed before the January 13 deadline. If the city receives this \$30,000 grant it will expand the Get Active Greenbelt initiative throughout the community to include such activities as training staff, promoting fitness programs, ensuring proper nutrition and developing ways to address policy, systems and environmental changes. Ironically, moments after sending the application for the above-mentioned grant, staff was notified that the city received this year's award on Physical Activity Excellence offered by the Maryland State Advisory Council on Physical Fitness.

Youth Center staff reports that after extending the deadline for two weeks in a row and still only receiving registrations from two teams, the Men's Winter Basketball league was canceled for winter 2009. This is the first

time in over 20 years that this league has been canceled.

Community Center reports the gym and dance studio will reopen on Monday, January 26.

CARES reports that 12 students have enrolled in GED courses. The Teen Discussion Group at Eleanor Roosevelt High School has begun with 12 student participants from grades 9 to 12.

The Differently Abled Support Group will begin on February 10 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Council Room, meeting every week for eight weeks. The group will be lead by Julia Frank and Lonnie Boykin, MSW interns. The focus of the discussion group will depend largely on the group members, with the goal being to educate and enhance the understanding of common mental health issues, as well as providing the tools and support members may need to deal with those issues.

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Library’s Presidential Exhibit Launches Lincoln 200th Fete

The Greenbelt branch of the Prince George’s County Library System has formally opened an exhibit to commemorate the historic inauguration of Barack Obama as the 44th President of the United States. In the only exhibit of its kind in the metropolitan Washington, D.C., area, the display, titled “Solemn Oath: 220 Years of the Presidency” celebrates the 220th anniversary of presidential inaugurations.

Beginning with George Washington in 1789 and continuing with the watershed inauguration of Barack Obama in 2009, it presents a comprehensive history of the oath, those who have taken it and the U.S. Capitol, which has hosted the swearing-in ceremony (with a few extraordinary exceptions) since the time of President Thomas Jefferson.

More than 40 color photographs, parchments containing handwritten drafts of Presidential inaugural addresses and artifacts from various presidents form the core of the exhibit. The official flag of the 97th United States Senate hangs as a backdrop and an assortment of White House gifts (including a presidential ci-

gar from the Clinton administration) also are highlighted.

The display features artifacts from the collections of area historian David V. Wendell. He is a living-history re-enactor, lecturer and special event coordinator who has been collecting political memorabilia for more than 20 years. “When I saw that no one else seemed to be doing an exhibit for this historic inauguration, I decided to do one myself,” Wendell explains, “and the Greenbelt library was kind enough to provide the space.”

He says that his favorite piece in the ensemble is the detailed scale model of an historic presidential plane. “This is the military 707 that carried every U.S. president from the 1960s to the 1990s,” he says. A larger 747 aircraft now carries the President and his entourage but Wendell is satisfied with the older model. “It’s signed by Colonel Ralph Albertazzie from West Virginia who piloted the plane in the late 1960s and early 1970s. He was very polite and happy to autograph it for me.”

Another artifact caught the eye of Ellen Utley, library branch

manager – the presidential seal which is mounted on lecterns and podiums when the President is speaking. “It’s beautiful,” she said.

Presidential symbolism is repeated throughout the exhibit. Key chains, watches and even a deck of playing cards, all bear the image of an eagle surrounded by 50 stars. The playing cards came from Air Force One. All the artifacts surround the centerpiece of the exhibit, a poster-sized photograph of Barack Obama. “He has been the center of attention for a year and a half, and now he’s the center of my exhibit,” laughs Wendell.

His next role will be as Master of Ceremonies for the library’s 200th Birthday Celebration honoring the bicentennial of the birth of President Abraham Lincoln. Authors, historians and Civil War re-enactors will sing “Happy Birthday,” cut a top-hat-shaped cake and conduct a Lincoln look-alike contest (fake beards provided). The event concludes with the unveiling of a permanent Lincoln 200th Anniversary Memorial.

The Lincoln 200 Birthday Celebration begins at 1 p.m. on Saturday, February 14. “Solemn Oath: 200 Years of the Presidency” is open to the public during regular library business hours Monday through Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



The Greenbelt Library exhibit entitled “Solemn Oath: 220 Years of the Presidency” commemorates the inaugurations of all of the U.S. Presidents beginning with George Washington and including Barack Obama. The exhibit is a collection of photographs, artifacts and original documents, an assortment of White House gifts and even a detailed scale model of an historic presidential plane.

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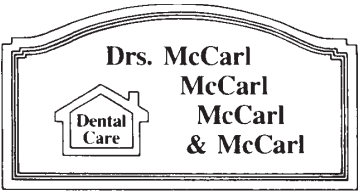


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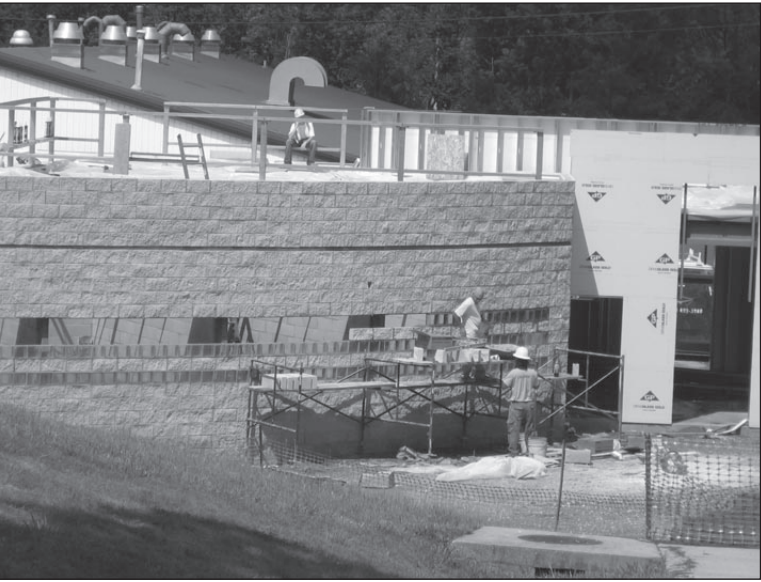
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Public Works Goes Green; New Building to Save Energy

by Christian Kloc



Demolition of old office building.



Installing glass block around new office building.



View of office doorways for crew supervisors.



Part of several thousands of feet of conduit for electric, phone and computer wiring.

The Greenbelt Public Works Department has a new facility to call home in Buddy Attick Park after a \$4.2 million addition to its former building, constructed in 1969.

The 51-member department outgrew its old building and needed more space, Assistant Director of Public Works Carolyn Clemens said. “Here we are, 40 years later, getting a new office,” she added.

The renovation by Gardiner and Gardiner contractors included offices for crew supervisors, a new garage and several “green” elements to save energy and lessen the department’s environmental impact.

“A lot of the green initiatives are really starting on the local level,” said Mayor Judith Davis, who has worked with the Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Steering Committee for the National League of Cities.

Part of the green design was an \$85,000 geothermal heating and air conditioning system, which uses 20 underground wells, each 200 feet deep, to pump the earth’s natural heat into office and garage areas.

The city did not seek Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification for the addition because it was too expensive but Clemens said the construction “followed the spirit and intent” of a LEED-certified building.

Construction manager Micky Pirrone, of Centerville, said this was his first time working with geothermal units during his 42 years in the trade.

“You never stop learning,” Pirrone said. “It’s nice to be part of new systems like these.”

Pirrone said installation of the geothermal units went smoothly and that the most difficult task was “trying to coordinate [the new building] with the existing structure.”

The new garage, which fits snow plows and salt-spreading trucks, features translucent panels to naturally light the large indoor space during the day.

Other green aspects include sensors that shut off unused lights, automatic faucets, low-flow toilets, recycled carpet and awnings that shield the building from direct sunlight, lowering cooling costs in the summer.

Outside the building, four areas with mulch, trees and plants known as “bioretention ponds” will filter water runoff from storms, Clemens said.

The city drew funds for the construction from a bond referendum and from other projects, Clemens said.

Due to limited funds, the city had to eliminate a recycled water vehicle wash system and a \$300,000 carpentry building from the plans.

“Instead, we’re going to have a woodworking bench,” Clemens said. “We’ll make it work.”

In case of emergency, a diesel generator behind the building is large enough to power the entire public works yard, Clemens said.

“I have a feeling that Public Works is going to become an important location in the event of a disaster,” Clemens added.

A grand opening ceremony for the building will occur in April during the department’s open house, at which visitors can tour the facility and learn about its green elements.

During the construction, Public Works staff worked out of a trailer that was bigger than their original building. “It’s been a nice temporary office for the last year,” Clemens said.



Front view of new vehicle storage building.



Main entrance to new office.



View of finished glass block around office exterior.



Public Works staff disassembling an old paint booth to create a shop for the Streets Crew.

– photos by Carolyn Clemens, Assist. Director of Public Works